

# City of Centralia Utilities Revised FY 2009 Draft ASC Report Changes

BPA has revised Centralia's draft FY 2009 ASC Report and is seeking additional comments for one week on the changes. The specific changes reflect responses to comments, errors and omissions. Centralia's specific changes are outlined below and are explained in the body of the revised Centralia draft FY 2009 ASC Report.

## **Changes affecting most or all ASC Reports**

- 1. BPA updated its forecast of electricity market prices and gas prices. The result of this update can be seen in the price used to forecast short term purchase power and sale for resale, and the cost of fuel for those resources that rely on natural gas as a component of their fuel cost.
- 2. BPA revised the NLSL adjustment to include transmission losses. During the comment period it was pointed out that BPA had not included transmission losses in the calculation of the cost of resources used to serve NLSLs. BPA revised the cost of resources used to serve NLSLs to reflect transmission losses between the resource and delivery to the NLSL. All NLSLs are assumed to be served at transmission voltage and transmission losses include the transmission network losses for a utility, in addition to losses of other networks that power from resources travel over to get to a utility's network..

## Centralia specific changes

BPA adjusted the way it forecast the cost of meeting public utility load growth.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the utility specific analyst or Michelle Manary at 503-230-5858 or mlmanary@bpa.gov.

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# **REVISED DRAFT**

WP-07 Supplemental Wholesale Power Rate Adjustment Proceeding: FY 2009 AVERAGE SYSTEM COST REPORT FOR

# **CENTRALIA CITY LIGHT**

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### I. FILING DATA

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# Parties to the Filing

A complete list of intervening parties is located at the following BPA web site:

http://www.bpa.gov/corporate/finance/ascm/Docs/Intervening\_Parties.pdf

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# II. AVERAGE SYSTEM COST: DETERMINATIONS

# A. Base Period 2006

	As Filed	As Amended	As Revised
Production Cost	\$7,945,359	\$7,945,359	\$7,945,359
Transmission Cost	\$1,323,997	\$1,323,997	\$1,323,997
(Less) New Large Single Load	\$0	\$0	\$0
Costs			
Total Contract System Cost	\$9,269,357	\$9,269,357	\$9,269,357
Total Retail Load (MWh)	234,779	234,779	234,779
(Less) New Large Single Load	0	0	0
Total Retail Load (Net NLSL)	234,779	234,779	234,779
Plus Distribution Losses	11,739	11,739	11,739
Total Contract System Load	246,518	246,518	246,518
(MWh)			
FY 2006 Base Period ASC (\$/MWh)	37.60	37.60	37.60

# B. FY 2009 (Exchange Period) ASC without New Resource Additions (\$/MWh)

	FY 2009	FY 2009
FY 2009 (Rate Period) ASC without New Resource Additions (\$/MWh)	30.83	34.93

# C. 334.FY 2009 (Exchange Period) ASC with New Resource Additions (\$/MWh)

Centralia has no new resource additions.

## III. FILING REQUIREMENTS

#### A. Introduction

Section 5(c)(l) of the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act (Pacific Northwest Power Act), 16 U.S.C. § 839c(c)(l), establishes the Residential Exchange Program (REP). Any Pacific Northwest utility interested in participating in the REP may offer to sell power to Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) at the average system cost (ASC) of the utility's resources. In exchange, BPA offers to sell an "equivalent amount of electric power to such utility for resale to that utility's residential users within the region" at the BPA rate established pursuant to section 7(b)(l) of the Act. *See generally*, H.R. Rep. No. 976, Pt I, 96th Cong., 2d Sess. at 60 (1980).

The Act gives BPA's Administrator the discretionary authority to determine ASC on the basis of a methodology to be established in a public consultation proceeding. 16 U.S.C. 839c(c)(7). The only express statutory limits on the Administrator's authority are found in sections 5(c)(7)(A), (B) and (C) of the Act. 16 U.S.C. 839c(c)(7)(A), (B) and (C).

BPA's first ASC Methodology was developed in consultation with regional interests in 1981. See 48 FR 46,970 (Oct. 17, 1983). It was later revised in 1984. See 49 FR 39,293 (Oct. 5, 1984). In the mid-1990s, BPA and exchanging utilities agreed to a number of termination agreements that provided for payments to each utility through the remaining years of the Residential Purchase and Sale Agreements (RPSA) that implemented the REP. These termination agreements did not require the participating utilities to submit ASC filings.

In 2000, BPA executed REP Settlement Agreements with each IOU customer. The Agreements provided monetary benefits and power sales to the IOUs to resolve disputes regarding BPA's implementation of the REP. On May 3, 2007, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit issued a decision finding the Agreements unlawful. BPA therefore began efforts to resume the REP, including the development of RPSAs and a consultation proceeding to revise the 1984 ASC Methodology.

As with the previous ASC Methodologies, the proposed 2008 ASC Methodology (ASCM) was developed in consultation with interested parties through a series of working group meetings conducted by BPA staff. The goal of the consultation process was to develop an administratively feasible ASC Methodology that would be technically sound, and comport with the Northwest Power Act. The Methodology is subject to review and approval by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission).

BPA maintains a significant role in reviewing utilities' ASC filings to ensure compliance with the 2008 ASCM. For more information regarding the 2008 ASCM, please refer to the *Final Record of Decision of the 2008 Average System Cost Methodology*, dated June 30, 2008.

### **B.** ASC Determination Process Guidelines and Expedited Review Process

The purpose of BPA's expedited review process is to estimate exchanging Utilities' ASCs for FY 2009 and to incorporate the ASCs into BPA's WP-07 Supplemental Rate Proceeding in order to ensure that BPA's FY 2009 power rates established in that proceeding rely on the most accurate ASCs possible. For purposes of the expedited review process, and as specified in the Review Procedures of the proposed 2008 ASCM, on or before March 3, 2008, each exchanging utility (Utility) submitted a "base period ASC" to BPA using data from its 2006 FERC Form 1 and other supporting data. All data were submitted using BPA's proposed Appendix 1, an Excel-spreadsheet based model. The submittal of the Appendix 1 filing began the formal review and comment process to establish ASCs for the exchanging Utilities, which is referred to as the Review Period. Although BPA reviewed the initial data in the context of BPA's initially proposed 2008 ASCM, BPA knew that it would be completing its proposed 2008 ASCM and issuing a Record of Decision supporting that ASCM near the end of June 2008. In order that the ASCs determined in the expedited review process would reflect as accurately as possible the ASCs that would be in effect for determining REP benefits for FY 2009, BPA reviewed the Utilities' filing under the criteria of BPA's Final 2008 ASCM. This ensured that the ASCs relied on by BPA in establishing its FY 2009 power rates would be as accurate as possible. Parties had a full and complete opportunity to intervene in BPA's expedited review process and to submit comments on BPA's proposed ASCs.

For details of the prospective Review Period and guidelines, see Attachment A to the 2008 Final Record of Decision of the 2008 Average System Cost Methodology, June 2008: 2008 Methodology for Determining the Average System Cost of Resources for Electric Utilities Participating in the Residential Exchange Program Established by Section 5(c) of the Pacific Northwest Electric Power and Conservation Act.

The 2008 ASCM incorporates, in part, the functionalization process and functionalization codes, with modifications, determined in the 1984 ASCM. Costs are assigned under functionalization codes to Production, Transmission, or Distribution/Other. Functionalization of each Account included in a Utility's ASC is in accordance with the functionalization prescribed in the 2008 ASCM, Attachment A, Table 1. The ASCM allows Utilities to file multiple, contingent, ASCs to reflect changes to service territories, and allows for changes to ASCs resulting from major resource additions and reductions.

In summary, BPA reviewed ASCs during the expedited review process in accordance with the 2008 ASCM published June 30, 2008. After establishing a base period ASC determination, BPA used the ASC Forecast model, an Excel-based spreadsheet, to escalate the base year ASC forward to the effective rate period, FY 2009 (October 1, 2008, thru September 30, 2009). The base year and forecast ASC results are reported herein.

#### C. Explanation of Schedules

Utilities' Appendix 1 filings consist of a series of seven schedules and other supporting information, which present the data necessary to calculate ASC. The schedules and support data are as follows:

- 1. Schedule 1 Plant Investment/Rate Base
- 2. Schedule 1A Cash Working Capital calculation
- 3. Schedule 2 Capital Structure and Rate of Return
- 4. Schedule 3 Expenses
- 5. Schedule 3A Taxes
- 6. Schedule 3B Other Included Items
- 7. Schedule 4 Average System Cost
- 8. Distribution of Salaries and Wages
- 9. Purchased Power & Off-System Sales
- 10. New Large Single Load
- 11. Labor Ratios

#### 1. Schedule 1 – Plant Investment/Rate Base

This schedule establishes the rate base used by the Utility. The calculation begins with a determination of the total Electric Plant In-Service, which includes the gross historical costs of the Intangible, General, Production, Transmission, and Distribution Plants. These values (and all subsequent values) are entered into the Appendix 1 filing as line items based on separate FERC account descriptions. Each line item (Account) is functionalized to Production, Transmission, or Distribution/Other in accordance to the functionalizations prescribed in the 2008 ASCM, Attachment A, Table 1.

Next, in order to reflect the book value of the remaining plant, depreciation and amortization reserves are evaluated and entered into the Appendix 1 form and functionalized. These are then subtracted from the Total Electric Plant In-Service to determine the Total Net Plant.

The resulting Total Net Plant is adjusted, where appropriate, to reflect additions in Cash Working Capitol (calculated in Schedule 1A), Utility Plant, Property and Investments, Current and Accrued Assets, Deferred Debits. It is adjusted again, where appropriate, to deduct the Current and Accrued Liabilities, and Deferred Credits from the Total Net Plant. The outcome of these adjustments defines the Total Rate Base. When multiplied by the Rate of Return as determined in Schedule 2, the result is the Utility's return on investment.

# 2. Schedule 1A – Cash Working Capital

Cash working capital is a ratemaking convention that is not included in the Form 1, but is a part of all electric utility rate filings as a component of rate base. To determine the allowable amount of cash working capital in rate base for a Utility, BPA allows 1/8 of the functionalized costs of total production expenses, transmission expenses and administrative and general expenses less purchased power, fuel costs, and public purpose charge.

#### 3. Schedule 2 – Capital Structure and Rate of Return

This schedule lists the data used by the Utility to develop the rate of return applied to the Utility's rate base developed on Schedule 1, in order to determine the Utility's return on investment.

Investor Owned Utilities (IOUs) use the weighted cost of capital (WCC) from the most recent State Commission Rate Order with a Federal income tax adjustment to determine the return calculation. The return on equity (ROE) used in the WCC calculation is grossed up for Federal income taxes at the marginal Federal income tax rate using the formula found in the ASC Methodology, Attachment A, Section IX, Endnote b. For Consumer Owned Utilities (COUs), the rate of return is equal to the COU's weighted cost of debt.

#### 4. Schedule 3 – Expenses

This schedule represents operations and maintenance expenses for the production of power, the transmission of electricity, and the distribution of electricity. Each expense item is functionalized as described above. Additional expenses associated with customer accounts, sales, and administrative and general expenses for both operations and maintenance are also included in this schedule. Depreciation and amortization for the associated plants are added to the operating and maintenance expenses to calculate Total Operating Expenses.

#### 5. Schedule 3A – Taxes

This schedule presents allowable ASC cost for Federal employment tax and non-Federal taxes, including property and unemployment tax. State income tax, franchise fees, regulatory fees, and city/county taxes are included herein but are functionalized to Distribution/Other and therefore not incorporated in ASC. Taxes and fees for each state listed are grouped together and entered as "combined" line items for Appendix 1 filing purposes.

Federal income taxes included in ASC are calculated and described in Schedule 2 above, *Capital Structure and Rate of Return*.

#### 6. Schedule 3B – Other Included Items

This schedule includes revenues from the disposition of plant, sales for resale, and other revenues, including electric revenues and revenues from transmission of electricity to others (wheeling). Items in this schedule are deducted from the total costs of each Utility.

### 7. Schedule 4 – Average System Cost (\$/MWh)

This schedule summarizes the cost information calculated in Schedules 2 through 3B: Federal income tax adjusted return on rate base, total operating expenses, state and other taxes, and other included items. The schedule also lists the load information, as defined below, and calculates the Utility's ASC.

# **Contract System Cost:**

The Contract System Cost is the Utility's costs for production and transmission resources, including power purchases and conservation measures, which costs are includable in and subject to the provisions of Appendix 1. Costs to serve NLSL are excluded from ASC calculations. This Contract System Cost becomes the numerator in calculating ASC.

## Contract System Load:

The Contract System Load is the total regional retail load included in the Form 1, or for a consumer-owned utility (preference customers) the total retail load from the most recent annual audited financial statement as adjusted pursuant to this Average System Cost Methodology. The denominator in the ASC calculation consists of the Contract System Load (MWh) of the Utility increased for distribution losses, and reduced by any New Large Single Load(s) (NLSL).

## 8. Distribution of Salaries and Wages

The supporting file is used to determine the Labor Ratio calculations and includes salaries and wages from relevant operations and maintenance of the electric plant.

#### 9. Purchased Power and Sales for Resale

The purchased power (excluding REP reversal expenses) is an account of Schedule 3, Expenses, and includes all purchases the Utility made during the year, including power exchanges. Listed in the information is the statistical classification code for all transactions. Refer to the ASCM for definitions of the classification codes.

# 10. New Large Single Load

A new large single load (NLSL) is any load associated with a new facility, an existing facility or an expansion of an existing facility which was not contracted for or committed to (CF/CT) prior to September 1, 1979, and will result in an increase in power requirements of the specific customer of ten average megawatts (10 aMW) or more in any consecutive twelve-month period.

BPA determines the cost of serving NLSLs by using the fully allocated cost of <u>all post</u>-September 1, 1979, resources and long-term power purchases greater than five years in duration.

#### 11. Labor Ratios

These ratios assign costs on a pro-rata basis using salary and wage data for production, transmission, and distribution/other functions included in the Utility's most recently filed Form 1. For COUs, comparable data is used based on a cost of service study used as the basis for retail rates at the time of review.

# D. ASC Forecast

Once BPA determines the Base Period ASC, it applies this data in an Excel-based forecasting model to escalate the base year ASC data forward to the Exchange Period. For purposes of this expedited process, that Exchange Period is FY 2009. BPA uses Global Insight's (or its successor) forecast of cost increases for capital costs and fuel (except natural gas), O&M, and G&A expenses; BPA's forecast of market prices for IOU purchases to meet load growth and to estimate short-term and non-firm power purchase costs and sales revenues; BPA's forecast of natural gas prices; and BPA's estimates of the rates it will charge for its Priority Firm (PF) Power Rate and other products. For additional background on the determination of Exchange Period ASCs, see details of the 2008 ASC Methodology, Section IV *Rules for Determining Exchange Period Average System Cost*, Subsection A.

#### 1. Forecast Contract System Costs

Forecast Contract System Costs (CSC) are the Utility's forecast costs for production and transmission resources, including power purchases and conservation measures, which costs are includable in and subject to the provisions of Appendix 1. As outlined in the 2008 ASC Methodology, Section IV *Rules for Determining Exchange Period Average System Cost*, Subsection A, Forecast CSC, BPA escalates base period costs to the midpoint of the fiscal year for the FY 2009 rate period/Exchange Period to calculate Exchange Period ASCs. BPA projects the costs of power products purchased from BPA using BPA's forecast of prices for its products.

#### 2. Forecast of Sales for Resale and Power Purchases

BPA does not normalize short-term purchases and sales for resale. The short-term purchases and sales for resale for the Base Period are used as the starting values for the forecast. The Utilities are then allowed to include new plant additions and use a Utility-specific forecast for the (1) price of purchased power and (2) sales for resale price, to value purchased power expenses and sales for resale revenue. For details, see the 2008 ASC Methodology, Section IV *Rules for Determining Exchange Period Average System Cost*, Subsection B.

# 3. Forecast Contract System Load and Exchange Load

All Utilities are required to provide a forecast of their Contract System Load and associated Exchange Load, as well as a current distribution loss study as described in the 2008 ASCM, Attachment A, endnote e/, with an Appendix 1 filing. The load forecast for Contract System Load and Exchange Load starts with the Base Period and extends 4 years after the Exchange Period. The load forecast for Contract System Load and Exchange Load is provided on a monthly basis for the Exchange Period.

#### 4. Major Resource Additions

BPA uses the method outlined in the 2008 ASC Methodology, Section IV *Rules for Determining Exchange Period Average System Cost*, Subsection C to determine the change in ASC due to major new resource additions or reductions, subject to meeting the materiality threshold of 2.5 percent change to ASC. These additions include new production resource investments, new generating resource investments, new transmission investments, long-term generating contracts, pollution control and environmental compliance investments relating to generating resources, transmission resources or contracts, hydro relicensing costs and fees, and plant rehabilitation investments.

The exchanging Utility provides its forecast of major resource addition and all associated costs. The forecast covers the period from the end of the Base Period (FY 2006) to the end of the Exchange Period (FY 2009).

The forecast of the major resource costs to be included in the Utility's Exchange Period ASC is reviewed and determined during the review period. All resources included prior to the start of the Exchange Period are projected forward to the mid-point of the Exchange Period.

# 5. Load Growth Not Met by New Resource Additions

All load growth not met by new resource additions is met by purchased power at the forecasted Utility-specific short-term purchased power price. BPA uses the method outlined in the 2008 ASC Methodology, Section IV *Rules for Determining Exchange*, Subsection D.

#### IV. REVIEW OF THE ASC FILING

# A. <u>Identification and Analysis of Issues from the May 7, 2008, ASC Appendix 1</u> <u>Filing</u>

BPA is responsible for reviewing all costs and loads for determining ASCs in accordance with section 5(c) of the Northwest Power Act and the 2008 ASC Methodology. During this review and evaluation, issues were identified for comment. BPA's ASC determination is limited to specific findings on those issues identified for comment with the exception of ministerial or mathematical errors. There may have been additional issues that BPA did not identify for comment in this filing. Acceptance of a Utility's treatment of an item without comment is not intended to signify a decision of the proper interpretation to be applied either in subsequent filings or universally under the 2008 ASC Methodology.

The following is a summary of the Contract System Costs and Contract System Loads filed on May 7, 2008 by Centralia, and as amended following review and evaluation by BPA. The explanations for BPA's changes are outlined as appropriate by Appendix 1 schedule and supporting files below.

SCHEDULE 1: Plant Investment/Rate Base – No changes made.

SCHEDULE 1A: Cash Working Capital – No changes made.

SCHEDULE 2: Capital Structure and Rate of Return – No changes made.

SCHEDULE 3: Expenses- No changes made.

SCHEDULE 3A: Taxes – No changes made.

SCHEDULE 3B: Other Included Items – No changes made.

SCHEDULE 4: Average System Cost

#### 1 **Distribution Loss**:

a <u>Statement of Issue</u>: In its filing, Centralia used a 5 percent Distribution Loss Factor to determine its ASC.

b Statement of Facts: The May 7, 2008 Appendix 1 template did not require a Utility to complete a Distribution Loss Study. The ASCM ROD allows a participating Utility that has the ability to directly measure distribution losses on its system to submit such measurements, subject to BPA review and approval, with its ASC filing. Utilities that do not have the capability to directly measure distribution losses on their system are required to submit a formal distribution loss study with their ASC filing. The distribution loss study is valid for a period of seven years.

Utilities that do not have the ability to directly measure distribution losses on their system and do not submit a formal distribution loss study that was prepared within the previous seven years of the date of the ASC filing will use the default distribution loss study method described in the ASCM ROD, Section 4.10.5.

c Analysis of Position and Decision: BPA was unable to obtain from a public source the requisite five years of distribution losses necessary to determine distribution losses consistent with the ASCM ROD, Section 4.10.5. BPA will request such data from Centralia, but for purposes of this report will use a 5 percent Distribution Loss Factor to determine its ASC.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: Purchased Power and Sales for Resale – No changes made.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: Salaries and Wages – No changes made.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: Ratios – Though certain functionalization changes were made to the Appendix 1 template subsequent to the May 7, 2008, Centralia had no data to populate the affected accounts.

# B. <u>Identification and Analysis of Issues from Comments on the July 8, 2008, ASC Draft</u> Report

No comments were submitted.

# C. Exchange Period ASC New Resource Additions

Centralia has no projected new resource additions.

**Table 1: ASC New Resource Additions (Not Applicable)** 

	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Production				
Rate Base				
Plant Material				
and Supplies				
Rate Base				
Fuel Stock				
Rate Base				
Production O&M				
Expense				
Production				
Depreciation				
Expense				
Power Purchases				
Expense				
Production				
Property Tax				
Transmission				
Rate Base				
Transmission				
Depreciation				
Rate Base				
Transmission				
O&M				
Expense				
Transmission				
Contracts				
Expense				
Transmission				
Property Tax				
Expense				
	ı	I	_	1
(Expected)				
Annual				
Generation				
(MWh)			<u> </u>	

# V. FINAL EXPEDITED ASC FORECAST for FY 2009-2013

Table 2 below summarizes the forecast of Contract System Costs and Contract System Loads for purposes of determining Centralia's forecast ASC for FY 2009 through FY 2013. Table 2 reflects results based on the July 8, 2008, Draft report. Revised Table 2 is based on this Revised Draft ASC Report. The process for making the determinations is outlined in the 2008 ASCM ROD and described in this report. The results shown herein are forecast for each year of the

WP-07 rate test period (FY 2009-2013), as defined in section 7(b)(2) of the NW Power Act, and will be used to calculate the PF Exchange Rate for FY 2009 of the WP-07 Supplemental Wholesale Power Rate Adjustment Proceeding (WP-07 Rate Case).

The BPA Forecast Model used to calculate the values shown below is located at <a href="http://www.bpa.gov/corporate/finance/ascm/filings.cfm">http://www.bpa.gov/corporate/finance/ascm/filings.cfm</a>.

**Table 2: FY 2009-2013 ASC Summary** 

Date (mid-year)	4/1/2009	4/1/2010	4/1/2011	4/1/2012	4/1/2013
Fiscal Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013

### **CONTRACT SYSTEM COST**

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Production	7,558,253	7,425,246	7,667,965	7,922,875	7,934,267		
Transmission	1,409,706,	1,433,391	1,460,765	1,489,055	1,518,732		
NLSL Fully Allocated Cost (\$/MWh)	0	0	0	0	0		
(Less) NLSL Costs	0	0	0	0	0		
Total Contract System Cost	8,967,960	8,858,637	9,128,731	9,411,930	9,452,998		

### **CONTRACT SYSTEM LOAD**

Total Retail Load @ Meter	276,991	283,912	290,833	298,227	305,531
(Less) NLSL	0	0	0	0	0
Total Retail Load (Net or NLSL)	276,991	283,912	290,833	298,227	305,531
Distribution Loss	13,850	14,196	14,542	14,911	15,211
Total Contract System Load	290,840	298,108	305,375	313,138	320,808

# **AVERAGE SYSTEM COST**

ASC (\$/MWh)	30.83	29.72	29.89	30.06	29.47
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# Revised Table 2: FY 2009-2013 ASC Summary

Date (mid-year)	4/1/2009	4/1/2010	4/1/2011	4/1/2012	4/1/2013
Fiscal Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013

#### **CONTRACT SYSTEM COST**

Production	8,749,392	9,210,058	9,444,457	10,052,746	10,307,526
Transmission	1,409,706,	1,433,391	1,460,765	1,489,055	1,518,732
NLSL Fully Allocated Cost (\$/MWh)	0	0	0	0	0
(Less) NLSL Costs	0	0	0	0	0
Total Contract System Cost	10,159,098	10,643,449	10,905,222	11,541,801	11,826,258

#### **CONTRACT SYSTEM LOAD**

Total Retail Load @ Meter	276,991	283,912	290,833	298,227	305,531
(Less) NLSL	0	0	0	0	0
Total Retail Load (Net or NLSL)	276,991	283,912	290,833	298,227	305,531
Distribution Loss	13,850	14,196	14,542	14,911	15,211
Total Contract System Load	290,840	298,108	305,375	313,138	320,808

# **AVERAGE SYSTEM COST**

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ASC (\$/MWh)	34.93	35.70	35.71	36.86	36.86		

#### VI. BPA CONCLUSION

This Revised ASC determination does not change the as-filed Base Period 2006 ASC of \$37.60 per MWh. ASCs for years 2009 through 2013 shown in Revised Table 2 above are increased to reflect increases to the price of power forecast to satisfy Centralia's load growth.

This ASC determination is BPA's best estimate of Centralia's FY 2009 ASC based on the information and data provided by Centralia during the Expedited Review Process, and based on the professional review, evaluation, and judgment of the BPA REP staff. Decisions made herein are not binding for purposes of the Final ASC determination for FY 2009. This determination is made solely for purposes of providing estimated FY 2009 ASCs for use in the development of BPA's FY 2009 power rates in BPA's WP-07 Supplemental Rate Proceeding. Decisions made herein are not final ASC determinations for purposes of implementing the REP for FY 2009. Final ASC determinations used to calculate REP benefits for each exchanging Utility for FY 2009 will be established by BPA after a review of such Utilities' October 1, 2008,

Appendix 1 filings. Such review will be conducted in compliance with the Final 2008 ASC Methodology.

BPA has resolved the issues set forth in Section III of this report, as amended, in accordance to the 2008 Average System Cost Methodology (ASCM) as it is currently described in the Final Record of Decision, and with generally accepted accounting principles. BPA believes the information and data contained herein fairly estimates the Average System of Centralia for FY 2009 of the WP-07 Supplemental Wholesale Power Rate Adjustment Proceeding.

The amended Appendix 1 Filing and Forecast Model used to calculate Centralia's (unchanged) Base ASC and forecast ASCs can be viewed at BPA ASC website: http://www.bpa.gov/corporate/finance/ascm/filings.cfm.